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THE Duty upon Paper, which, before the laſt War, was but Five *per Cent.* hath ſince, by ſeveral Additional Duties, been Advanc'd to Twenty.

The now intended Additional Duties upon moſt Sorts will amount to Thirty, but upon no Sort leſs than Twenty *per Cent.* and will, in great meaſure, Suppreſs the Printing of all Uſeful Books, and be a great Diſcouragement to Learning.

The Different Rates Propos'd upon one and the ſame Denomination of the like Sorts and Sizes of Paper, will cauſe inſuperable Difficulties in Collecting the Duties.

But to prevent all Diſputes in the Entring Papers Imported, and make the Sorts of Papers eaſie to be Diſtinguiſhed by the Officers, Its humbly Pray'd, That the Duties intended may be made the ſame upon the Three following Denominations of Super-Fine and Second Writing Papers, *viz.*

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	They are already Charged at the *Cuſtom-Houſe*, as follows :		And by this Act will be further Charged, as follows, with		These are the Prices we deſire may be now Fixed to the following Three Sizes of Paper, *viz.*		
	S.	D.	S.	D.	S.	D.	
Demies Fine	3 :	3	4 :	0	2 :	6	
Demies Second	3 :	3	2 :	6	2 :	6	
Fine Fools Cap	0 :	11	2 :	6	2 :	0	*per* Ream.
Second Fools Cap	0 :	11	2 :	0	2 :	0	
Super-Fine Pot	0 :	11	2 :	0	1 :	6	
Second Fine Pot	0 :	11	1 :	6	1 :	6	

And conſidering the Impoſſibility of Regulating the Papers Made in *Great Britain* under proper Denominations, by reaſon of their great diverſity, in relation both to the Quality, Colour, and Dimenſions thereof ; It is Hoped this Honourable Houſe will be Pleas'd to Lay the Duty upon all *Britiſh* Papers at *per Cent. ad Valorem.*

And that a Diſcount for Prompt Payment be allow'd on theſe Duties, as uſual.

And theſe Duties not to take Place until 24 *June*, 1712.

☞ If this Honourable Houſe ſhall think fit to Lay the ſaid Duties, 'tis humbly Pray'd, That Stock in Hand may be Exempted from the ſame, by reaſon of the future Hardſhips that will attend the Traders in thoſe Goods ; It being impoſſible at preſent to Advance the Prices in Proportion to the intended Duties.

Beſides, great part of the ſaid Stock conſiſts of ſuch Sorts as are Unvendible, which in the Courſe of Trade they are Obliged to take, and cannot be Sold, but at very great Loſs.

All which is humbly Submitted to the Wiſdom of this Honourable Houſe.